

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the production of print products by combining various immediately successive processing methods, the method comprising the steps of:

coating the print products to be produced with a film at predetermined positions ~~according to a film print processing method~~ in one method step comprising:

partially coating said print products with a thin adhesive layer;

providing a transfer film having at least three layers, namely, a carrier foil, a parting layer and a transfer layer;

removing said transfer layer from said carrier foil and transferring it at least partially to said print products with a transfer or printing unit, wherein said transfer layer adheres to the print products; ~~and~~

providing an embossing and/or a structure according to an embossing and/or a structure processing method in a further method step;

color printing; and

actively drying with a drying device the print products to be produced after the color printing and before the coating or after the coating and

before the color printing the print products and/or after printing the print products in color;

wherein the print products to be produced successively undergo the steps of the method in one continuous sequence without intermediate storage;
and

wherein the order and frequency of the steps of the method are configured to be varied arbitrarily.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the print products to be produced are first coated with a film and then provided with a structure and/or stamped.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the print products to be produced are first provided with a structure and/or stamped and are then coated with a film.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the print products to be produced can be color printed before or after being coated with a film or before or after being stamped.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a transfer film that has been supplied for the film printing method is stretched in the direction of width.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the print products to be produced are submitted to a pressing operation in another step of the method after the film coating.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the transfer film can be controlled with respect to the advance thereof with regard to a printing cylinder independently from the rotation thereof.

11. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a print product, said method comprising:

conveying a base layer successively and continuously through a plurality of processing steps in which:

a.) a base layer is coated with an adhesive layer in a first stage;

b.) a transfer film is provided having at least a carrier foil layer, a parting layer and a transfer layer, wherein the transfer layer is separated from the film and adhered to said base layer with a transfer or printing unit in a second stage;

c.) said base layer is stamped and/or embossed in a third stage before or after said step b.);

d.) the base layer is printed in a fourth stage;

e.) the base layer is actively dried in a drying unit including one of ventilator blowing or infrared radiation in a fifth stage located downstream of the stages performing steps a.) or d.); and

wherein the steps a-e are performed successively without intermediate storage.

19. (Currently Amended) A combined in-line printing apparatus comprising:

a gluing unit to selectively apply an adhesive to a base printing material fed through said printing apparatus;

a structure and/or stamping device to form a pattern in said base material;

a film transfer device to transfer a transfer layer of a transfer film to said base material, said transfer film having at least a carrier foil layer, a parting layer and said transfer layer; and

a printing device to print a material on said base material, a drying unit to actively dry said adhesive, and a pressing unit having a plurality of calenders to compress said base layer and said transfer layer;

wherein said base layer interacts with said gluing unit, said structure and/or stamping device, and said film transfer device in succession without intermediate storage.

20. (Previously Presented) The combined in-line printing apparatus of claim 19 wherein said base layer interacts with said film transfer device before said structure and/or stamping device.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The combined in-line printing apparatus of claim 19, wherein said drying unit is downstream said gluing unit or said printing device.

23. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein actively drying with the drying device completely dries the adhesive layer.

24. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the drying step includes drying with at least one of infrared radiation and ventilator blowing.

25. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the drying device includes a first part on a first side of the print products and a second part on a second side of the print products that is opposite to the first side.

26. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the coating of said print products with a thin adhesive layer, the providing an embossing and/or structure, and the color printing are all executed at a single location.

27. (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein the drying unit includes one of ventilator blowing or infrared radiation.